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(1) The reply filed on November 28, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action in accordance with the requirements set forth in MPEP 714.02 (b) because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): *a)* The rejections of paragraphs 4 c) and d) of the August 28, 2001 Office action have not been addressed by applicants. *b)* Applicants have not addressed the 35 USC 112 rejection based on the term "solid phase **reactant**" (paragraph 4b of the last Office action) i.e. the definition of the term "reactant" has not been addressed on the record. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

(2) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary E. (Molly) Ceperley whose telephone number is (703) 308-4239. The examiner can normally be reached from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le, can be reached on (703) 305-3399. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-7230.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1234.

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